Development. (195) Department.

SERIES

G.O. No 2284

Dated 5.5.48

[Despatch Abstract.]

Subs:- Accounts - Appropriation Accounts for 1945-46-Loss due to pannia of timber in a Forest Division - Recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee - Papers Recorded.

Development Department.

O.M. No. 69562 CII/47 - 9 dated 20.1.48.

Sub:- Forests - Leases - Sale of forest produce - Fixation of Earnest Money Deposit - Revised rates - Chief Conservator's proposals - Accepted.

Ref:- From the Chief Conservator of Forests No. 17551/47-C2, dated 28.11.47.

The Government accepted the following proposals of the Chief Conservator of Forests:-

(1) that an earnest money deposit of Rs. 500/- may be taken from every bidder in the case of sales of felled timber at Forest and rail-head depots in average lots of 750 cft. and a further deposit of Rs. 500/- from the successful bidder for any lot may be taken before permitting him to bid for a subsequent lot; and

(2) that an earnest money deposit of Rs. 100/- may be taken in respect of sales in average lots of 200 cft. intended to encourage the small man to obtain his requirements direct and that a similar deposit may be taken from a successful bidder before he is permitted to bid for a subsequent lot.

2. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to notify the revised terms referred to in para 1 above in the draft sale notices to be published in respect of the sale of forest produce in future.

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To
The Chief Conservator of Forests.
The Accountant-General, through Finance Department.

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25) Page 38, paragraph 3.	Grant IV. --Forest.	Loss due to re-sale of timber in a Forest Division.	At the auction sale held for the sale of timber in a Forest Divison, the highest bidder in respect of thirteen lots of timber of the aggregate value of Rs. 68,491-14-0 was an employee of a firm dealing in timber and though he did not produce a letter of authorization from the firm, the bids were recorded in his own name, as he had acted on behalf of the firm previously. Subsequently, on receipt of a letter purporting to be from the firm, but signed by the bidder on their behalf, the sale was confirmed in the name of the firm. They, however, represented that the sale was not binding on them, as they had not authorized the bidder to act as their agent. Meanwhile an adverse report was also received about the solvency of the bidder. In the circumstances the sale had to be cancelled and the earnest money deposit of Rs. 100/- was confiscated. The consequent resale resulted in a net loss of Rs. 8489-6-0 which was written off by the Governme In view of the legal opinion ~~opinion~~ obtained it was not considered possible to proceed against either the firm or the bidder in a court of law. Both the firm and the bidder have, however, been debarred from bidding at future auctions. The Rules have also been modified so as to require larger deposits of earnest money. (Sd) K. Ramana Reddy. Superintendent,

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The papers may now be recorded as a G.O. for future reference.

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5.5.48.

G.C.Ms. No.2264, Development, dt.5.5.48.

Sub:- Accounts - Appriopriation Accounts for 1945-46 - Loss due to resale of timber in Forest Division - Recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee - papers Recorded.

(By order of H.E. the Governor)

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Secretary to Government.

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for Superintendent,
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